

I am writing to voice my support for services being offered by satellite radio. I became a satellite radio subscriber because of the desire to have the option to hear more of the music available that doesn't make the commercial radio playlists.

I am very concerned about the recent attacks by NAB on satellite radio. In listening to the recent wave of advertisements sponsored by NAB, they are very misleading regarding the quality of the service offered by satellite radio. So of course, I approach any initiative sponsored by NAB with caution. In reading the press material, NAB seems to be concerned about whether satellite radio can deliver news, weather, emergency and other local information with the efficiency and accuracy of FM and AM broadcast stations. From my viewpoint, this concern is not valid since I am so dissatisfied with local radio programming that I rarely listen to local radio programming. As a result, even if I agree that local stations are better at delivering local information, I am rarely going to be in a position to receive that information (this is a choice that I have made). So - why should satellite radio not be allowed to offer something that only serves to enhance the service they are providing (a service that I am paying for I might add)?

I am joining in the call to ask the FCC to reject the NAB's 04-160 petition. If the NAB is concerned about services being offered by satellite radio, then improve the service being offered by local radio programming so that I want to listen to local programming. Don't make it so that I have to listen to local programming because the NAB has eliminated other options!